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Annual report for the year ending 31st Decr 1904.

To the Chairman and Members of the Little Crosby Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

It is my pleasing task to submit to you my annual report for the past year 1904 concerning the health and sanitary condition of our District.


As in past years the sanitary working and arrangements have received systematic and regular attention during the last twelve months--and certain nuisances notably the removal and re-erection of a privy to a greater distance from the house on the farm occupied by Mr William Gradwell.

The rainfall during the past year fell very far short of its predecessor, and the shore outlet of the dyke known as "Formby's Pool" being clear there was no flooding of land.

The Yeomanry camps were held this year in the Hightown section but all passed off smoothly without endangering the health of the neighbouring inhabitants.

Six cottages and a larger dwelling are in course of erection--the material being the patent compressed sand bricks made at the adjacent factory--they claim that these bricks harden by exposure to the atmosphere. The patent brick factory (which I mentioned in a former report is now in full working order and as mechanical power is used it comes under the Factories Act. I have recently visited these works and was shown the process in detail by the Manager.

The general health of the District has been fairly good being visited with a slight epidemic of influenza and in the autumn by an epidemic of measles which required the closing of the village schools for several weeks. The whole of the district is now served by the Liverpool Corporation Water supply which



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is a very satisfactory item conducing so much to the health of the inhabitants.

Road repairing has received great attention during the year and the entire length of the main road through the district is now in splendid condition.

Three cases of scarlet Fever (one fatal) and one case of diphtheria were notified to me during the year. Proper precautions as to isolation and subsequent disinfection were taken and there was no serious spread of the scarlet Fever.

There have been registered 8 births and 6 deaths in the district during 1904.

As the population is estimated at 580 this gives us a birth rate of 13.79 per 1000 and a Death rate of 10.34 per 1000 of the population. Infant mortality is at the rate of Nil per 1000 births. Zymotic death rate 1.72 per 1000. There was only one death from Tuberculosis (Fibroid Phthisis) and only one death from a notifiable infectious disease i. e. Scarlet Fever. One mild case of Diphtheria above mentioned.

The year was remarkable for

- A. The Commencement of operations in the Brick Factory
- B. The epidemic of measles with closure of schools.
- C. The erection of several dwellinghouses at Hightown at present unfinished and unoccupied.

I have no further points of interest to bring before your notice in this annual report and

I remain Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

Edward Buxton. M. D.

Medical Officer of Health.

January 1905.

Edward Buxton M.D.

